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Santa was also spotted at the Haliburton Home

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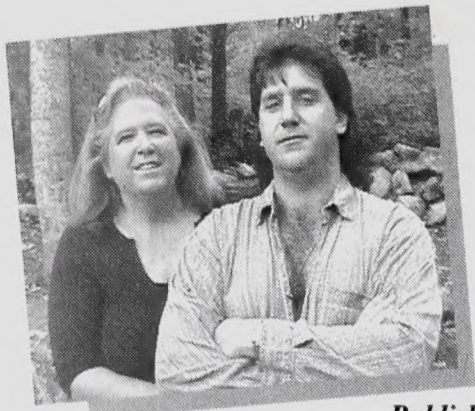
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In its effort to remain uplifting and act as a tool to support and promote local business and the local economy, we will be featuring many regular articles such as Eye on Business – your chance to get to know your local businesses and what they have to offer; new business features – to introduce you to new area businesses, local events calendar – to keep you abreast as to what's happening in your community. We will also be featuring informative columns on health, entertainment, leisure, humor, handy tips and other fun things in the Highlands.

In addition, we will be offering a classified section, so if you have something to sell, buy or a notice etc... feel free to give us a call.

Our publication will be produced and delivered via the mail, once a month FREE to all homes and businesses in the Highland communities of Haliburton, Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford, Eagle Lake, Lochlin, Donald & Gelert. For visitors to the area and those who maybe do not receive one in the mail, additional copies will be left in various local businesses, convenience stores, professional offices and restaurants.

Postal delivery will be on a day this is NOT in conjunction with current delivery of other newspapers & flyers. To allow for an enjoyable holiday season, our January edition will be published for January 29. After January, we will resume to our regular publication dates.

Publishers, Brett Irvine & Joanne Welsh feel that this publication will act as a communication tool for the entire Highland communities and welcome any support, comments or suggestions. To reach us please call (705) 448-1847 or email us at highlandscommunicator@hotmail.com.

We have also established a local drop off location for any copy, pictures, etc. in Haliburton at the H & R Block / Central Office Supplies office, located in Halco Plaza.

We hope you enjoy this issue. We had fun creating it, and look forward to many more!

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EYE ON BUSINESS

Teddy Time In Haliburton

Teddy Time Voted In Top 90 Websites By Chatelaine Magazine

It is a store that can easily make you feel like a kid again, and a store you must visit to believe.

Teddy Time in Haliburton is a definite must-see especially this holiday season for men, women and children of all ages.

Carol Dewey, has been operating Teddy Time for over 6 years and over those years, has seen the store grow. "If I had to guess, I'd say there are over 1,000 bears in here," she exclaims, "and at least 500 different types of bears."

Carol has always loved teddy bears and over the years, her husband and children would buy her bears for special occasions.

When it came time for Carol to open a store, her husband suggested a Teddy store. "He told me "you love bears, and you love kids ... why not a Teddy Bear store, so I did," says Carol.

Her first store was located in the lower level of Stedman's plaza. "I had one small room with around 50 bears in it," she explains. "Now 6 years later you could say, this is the little Teddy Bear shop that grew," she chuckled, adding, "maybe it grew too big," as she looks around the shop



*If you like Teddys - You'll
Love Teddy Time!*

filled with bears, "but it has been fun."

The bear that means the most to Carol would be a bear she remembers

from childhood. "Punkinhead," she exclaims, "he was my favorite bear. He was the next best thing to Santa at the Eaton's Santa Claus Parade in Toronto." Punkinhead was an Eaton's creation and a bear that taught valuable lessons in life to children of all ages. "He taught us how to be good boys and girls. He was more visible around Christmas time. Eatons never sold the concept to anyone so he is now worth a lot. He's rare," explains Carol.

Her second favorite bear is Winnie. "Winnie the Pooh was a big part of my childhood, my kids, and now my grandchildren. He's been around for 75 years now," Carol explains. "They are great books and great stories, and Winnie is a terrific bear," she adds.

Teddy Time carries both the original Winnie the Pooh designed from the book version and the more recognized Disney version of Winnie the Pooh. "The original Winnie was more plain, with a hump on his back," says Carol.

bears... pg 10



*"The bears that
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today are going to
be a part of
history for
someone down
the way."*

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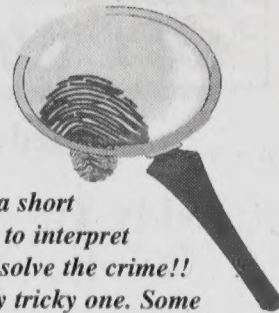
Haliburton Home Hardware owner, Ray Langdon is pictured here with Santa who visited his store on December 1. Children had the chance to speak to Santa and have their picture taken.

This is the third year Santa has been a guest of Home Hardware.

Pictured right: Visitors to the store look at the model train display. Mom, Heather Roberts is pictured with her children, l-r, Erica, Bradon, & Carson.



Who Dun-it?



In this column we will feature a short tale that will test your ability to interpret information, gather data, and solve the crime!! We are starting with a slightly tricky one. Some will be easy, some, well ... pretty difficult. Good luck and enjoy!

Oh yes, these are totally fictional and meant for fun!

Fred and Detective Minden strolled slowly through Rotary Park in Haliburton, checking out the dozens of Canadian geese lining the shores by the river. Fred was visiting from Ottawa. He had never been to Haliburton before.

As they neared the Rails End Gallery, Fred glanced over at the caboose by the building. "Interesting," he said.

"That reminds me of a railroad tycoon that passed away just recently. He was an only child and a bachelor, who mostly kept to himself, yet he loved travelling out west when he was

younger. He studied the old west as a hobby. After his death we had to hunt for his next of kin," Fred explained.

"Did you find anyone," asked Detective Minden.

"They found us," said Fred, adding, "It wasn't too surprising, considering the amount of money they stood to inherit. We've got it narrowed down to two people. The others are

obviously lying and pretending to be relatives

hoping to get the money."

"Who are they?" inquired Minden.

"One is a niece from Huntsville, and the other is a cousin from Bancroft. They are the only ones with no previous record of fraud. I still have to check out their claims though. Do you want to talk to them with me detective?" asked Fred.

"Sure," answered Detective Minden, "But of course we'll start with the one from Bancroft. I believe this one to be the true relative. The other is obviously a fraud."

Why does Detective Minden feel the other is a fraud?

answer ...pg. 23...

The Case of the Greedy Relatives

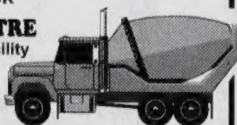
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Sponsored by the Minden Kinsmen Club, the ice races are sure to please all ages. Organizer, Tom Prentice, also the Kinsmen President, first stumbled upon ice racing approximately 20 years ago in Peterborough and enjoyed it so much he decided to join in the fun. He became a racer himself.

At first he travelled to various other locations, but it wasn't much longer that his home town of Minden became the site of the whole Ontario ice racing series, bringing 200 – 300 people to the area each weekend. "We offered a really good track and racers kept scheduling here. Soon this just became the site for all the races," he explains. "It is really good for this area."

The races are broken into different classes each offering different levels of entertainment. The classes are as follows:

Rubber Class: front wheel drive, rear wheel drive and 4 wheel drive vehicles.

Stud Tire Class: front wheel drive, rear wheel drive and 4-wheel drive.

The rubber class, being that it is held on ice, offers some comical entertainment as you watch vehicles slip and slide on the surface, making their way around the track. Although the speed of the vehicles tend not to surpass somewhere in the neighbourhood of 40 clicks, the manner in which the racers make their way around the track is fun to view. The studded tire class offers higher speed racing reaching speeds of 80 – 90 km on the snowy, icy track.

Tom has done very well in his racing career winning the Ontario Championships in the years 1995, 98 and 99. He has also won in his class a number of times. He runs 2 vehicles in the races - one in the stud class, rear wheel drive, and one in the rubber class, rear wheel drive.

He says when racing the key is to get up front right away. "If you're not lucky enough to be up front, you're driving in the worst snow storm you ever saw," he says,

describing the white out conditions created by the leading vehicles.

All participants that race are licensed by the CASC, an organization comprised of all the racing clubs. Strict rules must be followed to both hold races and participate in them. However, affordability is something that the clubs pride themselves on. The vehicles in the rubber class are not

allowed to be souped up or altered. They are just regular vehicles. "The idea is to keep it a poor mans race – to keep it affordable," explains Tom. "You could buy a car for around \$200, buy a helmet and you're in," he adds. "Anyone can participate, once they get their license to race and join a local racing club."

Anyone interested in taking up this sport may contact Tom at 286-1428.

If you just want to watch, that costs nothing. Admission is free and by showing up you will get to see 10 races per event, featuring the different classes.

The races (weather permitting) are scheduled as follows:

The first event is hosted by the Dorchester Auto Club in Minden on the 12 & 13th of January. Each weekend thereafter is a new batch of races hosted by various other clubs including the British-

American Race Club – the same club that organizes the Molson Indy in Toronto, and the British Empire Motor Sports Club – one of the oldest clubs in North America.

Races get underway every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday's at 12:00 noon.

Keep in mind weather conditions – no snow, or if everything is mild and slushy, the race may be cancelled that weekend. If the weather is good – then head on out!

"If you're not lucky enough to be up front, you're driving in the worst snowstorm you ever saw."

Tom Prentice - Racer



Tom Prentice is pictured here during a previous race.

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So start scouting for Sam the Advertising Man right away. And good luck to all.

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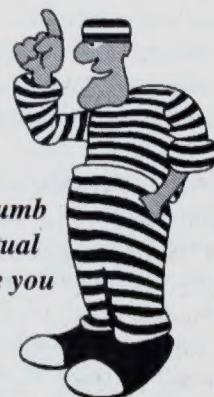
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Merry Christmas

Dumb Criminals

In the column we feature a few Dumb Criminal Stories. They are all actual events that really took place. Hope you enjoy it!



Guns 4 Hire

A company called "Guns For Hire" stages gunfights for Western movies and other events in Arizona. One day, a middle-aged woman called to inquire if they could kill her husband. She was sentenced to four and a half years.

Hefty Bag Holes

A man went into a drug store and announced his intentions to commit robbery. He pulled a Hefty-bag over his face to conceal his identity. He did not, however, cut eyeholes in the mask and was tackled by a brave customer.

Holding Tank

A couple was out camping in their motor home. They came back after a walk & things didn't look quite right around their motor home. So they took a look around. They found a man in the bushes that had just vomited everywhere. What happened was the guy had tried to siphon gas from the motor home, but instead got the holding tank.

Believe It Or Not!

Round We Go!

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of old when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

"Would you like anything else?..."

In March of 1998, Eddie Fishbaum, the owner of Broadway's Jerusalem 2 in New York City, was asked to hand deliver a plain pizza base to T.V. presenter Eiji Bando in Tokyo Japan – a distance of 6,753 miles. The request was made on the Japanese T.V. show Unbelievable, shown on the Fuji network. The total cost of the pizza, including Fishbaum's expenses came to \$7,000 U.S.

Now That's Quick!

On August 2nd, 1991, Stephen Twigge completed a game of solitaire in 10 seconds at Scissett Baths W. Yorkshire England.

Nothing to Lose Your Head Over!

Some insects can live up to one year without their heads. A cockroach will live nine days without it's head, before it starves to death. The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the males head off.

Holy Cow!

It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

Who Needs Treadmills?

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

Say What?

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

Cool ... I Mean... Excellent

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

One For Christmas.... It's a Wonderful Time!

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

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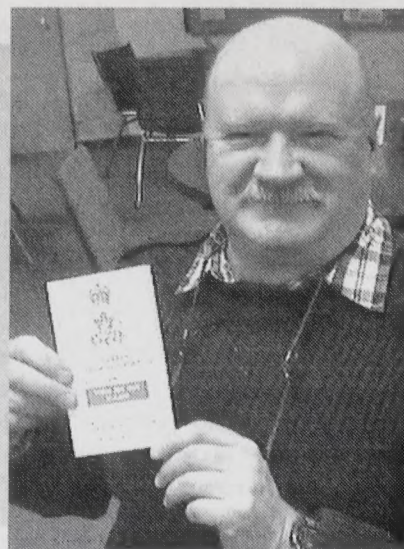
The Haliburton Legion is once again offering its exciting Cash Calendar draw with \$14,800 in cash prizes up for grabs and over 365 chances to win some of that money.

The pocket sized yearly calendars cost only \$20, and draws are held every day – that means a winner every day! If you win, your name is put back into the drum for a chance to win again, and again.

The lottery runs from January 1st, 20002 to December 31, 20002. There is a daily draw for \$25 and on Fridays a draw for \$100. In addition there are three bonus draws, Friday May 17th for \$500, Friday August 30th, for \$500 and the grand draw on Tuesday December 31st for \$1,000.

This is the third year for this kind of lottery by the Haliburton Legion, but not all in a row. "We didn't do it last year," says cash calendar Chairman, Lou Trepanier. "They have a new look this year. Before they were big calendars, now they are personal day planners. You can carry them around all year with you."

*Capt. M.H.
Brodhagen
(Mike) holds up
his cash
calendar. They
are available for
anyone who
would like a
chance to win
cash! Don't
miss out... buy
yours today!*



Don't worry though, if you misplace your calendar. "You don't need your calendar to win. Once you fill out the ballet, your name is in the drum. We contact you when your name is drawn," explains Lou.

With only 2,500 calendars being sold, the odds of winning are fantastic says Lou. "The odds are better than any lottery, casino or anything. Your chances of winning something are astronomical," he exclaims.

If you would like to get in on the fun, you may purchase a Cash Calendar at the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion, or from any executive member, or you may call Lou at 754-9238.

Better hurry before they are all sold out!

Haliburton Legion Planning Events to Coincide With Winterfest!

The weekend of Winterfest in Haliburton is going to be a busy time and the Haliburton Legion is adding to the fun with a variety of events at the Legion for everyone.

To start, the Legion is open to all non-members as they are holding an Open House. In conjunction with the Open House, many events are being held that are also open for all to join in.

If you like Italian food then you best make plans to attend the Legion's Italian dinner organized by the Ladies Auxiliary,

on Friday, February 1st. Tickets will be available in advance or at the door. At press time, ticket prices were unknown.

If you like fishing then get ready for the 2nd Annual Legion Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday February 2. This event is open to anyone. The fee is \$20 to participate and prizes will be awarded in various categories.

If you want to stay warm inside, the Legion is holding a large dart tournament on the Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join in this event. Details will be available closer to the event date at the Legion. So get practicing and be ready for some dart action that is guaranteed to be fun!

Saturday night the festivities continue at the Legion with a 50's and 60's dance featuring the band Forgotten Memories. The dance gets underway at 9 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at the Legion or at the door.

In all, the weekend of February 1 – 3rd promises to be both busy and fun filled throughout Haliburton. Be sure to join in the excitement! It may seem a ways away, but it is fast approaching. Don't forget to mark these events on your to do calendar!



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"Huge Surprise" Planned For This Year's Winterfest

There is going to be "something very special" at this year's Winterfest in Haliburton! So special that organizer Lou Trepanier is keeping it a surprise from everyone.

"The surprise is guaranteed," explains Lou, and it is something we have never had before," he exclaims, adding, "I think people are going to love it!"

The fun begins in Haliburton on February 2. Organizers have been busy since the end of last year's Winterfest, planning new events for this year's festivities. "The minute you end one event you start planning for the next," says Lou. "I've been meeting and talking to key people throughout the county all year."



Lou Trepanier

Now in its 9th year in Haliburton, this is actually the first year that Winterfest is being held in every part of the county.

"This is the first year we are spreading it out and the response has been excellent," explains Lou. "We're hoping it draws a lot

of people to the area. Winterfest is a vital economic booster for all the communities in Haliburton County and it happens at a time of year when tourism is at its lowest."

Lou says by promoting it county wide, "we can promote our area as the very best winter playground anywhere in Ontario!"

How Winterfest will work this year is that each weekend will feature events in a specific part of the county. The first weekend of February is Haliburton, the second in Minden and area, the third in Dorset and area, and the fourth weekend in Highlands East (Gooderham, Wilberforce, Harcourt, Highland Grove and area).

If the weather is not cooperative on one particular weekend, some of the events that were planned in that specific region will be moved to the next area's location and held that weekend in that area.

Last year in Haliburton there were a variety of events for the entire family, including sleigh rides, hot air balloon rides, snowmobile rides and races, helicopter rides, winter games, cross cut demonstrations and much more.

What takes place in the other participating communities is up to their individual committees that have formed or are being formed to plan events.

"We have promotional dollars for Winterfest," explains Lou. "We would be happy to match dollars with any community that wants to participate. I have unlimited advertising

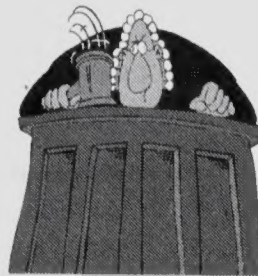
resources." He adds, "We've already posted the event on 5 major web sites, and we are advertising it to reach a lot of people."

As stated in the beginning, there is in addition to these events that special surprise that Lou guarantees is far different than any of the normal events. "It is definitely special," he claims.

The events start on Saturday and continue through Sunday. Sunday is a special day for kids, thanks to the contribution of the Haliburton Legion. "For kids under 12, everything is free. There will be free hot dogs, free hot chocolate, games, sleigh rides and much more," says Lou.

The cost to participate in Winterfest is low to begin with. For a mere \$2.00 each, you receive a participation badge that lets you enjoy all the activities throughout the weekend. All the specific activities are still being finalized at press time, but in the next issue of the Communicator, we will provide a list of activities in the various locations in more detail.

One thing is for sure, there is something special coming, and this is on top off all the other events regularly scheduled, so you won't want to miss these important dates.



In this regular column we will feature some bizarre laws from around the globe.

It's The Law!

Singapore

Chewing gum on subways may result in fines and/or jail time.

The sale of gum is prohibited.

Failure to flush a public toilet after use may result in very hefty fines.

It is considered an offense to enter the country with cigarettes.

Cigarettes are illegal at all public places.

If you are convicted of littering three times, you will have to clean the streets on Sundays with a bib on saying, "I am a litterer."

This will then be broadcasted on the local news.

It is illegal to pee in an elevator.

Switzerland

Clothes may not be hung to dry on Sunday.

You may not wash your car on a Sunday.

It is considered an offense to mow your lawn on a Sunday

It is illegal to flush the toilet after 10 P.M. if you live in an apartment.

A man may not relieve himself while standing up, after 10 P.M.

If you forget your car-keys inside the car and you leave the car open, you will be punished.

**Events will
be held
throughout the
county every
weekend in
February**

Chatelaine Magazine Rates Teddy Time's Web Site In Top 90

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"A lot of people can identify with both. They are a part of history," she says, adding, "the bears going out of here today are going to be a part of history for someone down the way."

In this unique shop you can find just about any bear whether you are a serious collector, or just a kid wanting a bear to play with. The bears in her store range in price from \$1.00 to over \$500 and everything in between. For the more serious collectors, Carol does carry numbered bears, the rarest being a Gund bear that is one of only 400 in the world. Other brand names you will find in her store include: Lou Rankin, Dakin, Scooby Doo, Disney Classic, Cherished Teddies Collectables, Bartons Creek Collection, Birthstone Bears, Bearkins, Moffy Vanderbear complete with an assortment of clothes line, Bearington Collection, Winnie the Pooh, Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, Me to You and the rare Annette Funicello bears.

You can also find collectable plates from Tricia Romance, Catherine Simpson and James Lumbers, and an assortment of prints by Steward Sherwood.

Carol says that she recognizes Teddy Bears may not be an essential item, but states, "they are needed," "They give us so much," she explains.

She recalls one of her happiest moments since owning the store was to give a 92-year-old her 1st teddy. "She was so delighted. It went with her everywhere. It was with her when she passed away."



Carol Dewey with both the original Winnie and the Disney Winnie.

She adds, "It's a Teddy Store and I love my customers. I am good to people. They are the heart of my store."

This year Carol also donated a Teddy Tree to Sick Kid's Hospital.

Bears, she says, find their way into the arms where they are needed. While she offers a location to choose from many different bears, "it is the bear's themselves that decide where they are needed."

"I know this sounds a little crazy, but at Christmas they find their way into Santa's sack, or in the case of the senior woman, the bear decided it was an experience they were looking forward to – or for children young and old, when they just need something warm and fuzzy to hug, or just to have something listen. Bears are wonderful."

If you are an Internet buff, you can shop at Teddy Time right over the net. Carol's website was a feature in the December issue of Chatelaine magazine. "People from the magazine conducted a search and randomly

picked sites they enjoyed and found worth recommending. I was shocked to learn that mine was one," exclaims Carol. She actually did not know until someone brought the magazine into her shop to let her know. "I don't know how they found my site, but they did. They liked it and voted it one of the top 90 web sites to shop," she said. Carol designed her web site herself and keeps it updated regularly. You can visit her website at www.teddytime.com

You may also visit the store in person. Teddy Time is located right on hwy 121, directly across from Head Lake in Haliburton, or Not Quite Main Street. Teddy Time is open Wednesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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EYE ON BUSINESS

Highland Leisure

Don't Just Look at What's In the Store Look at What the Store Can Get!

Want to visit a fun store with lots of exciting and different items? Be sure to visit Highland Leisure located on Hwy 35 in Carnarvon.

Open since April of this year, Highland Leisure is quickly becoming "the spot" for fun and games. The store houses a large selection of billiard tables, air hockey tables, foos ball, shuffle board, ping pong, dart boards and accessories, bar tables & chairs, die cast model cars, horse shoes, bowling supplies,

games & puzzles, quality crafted outdoor furniture, and just about anything for your family room.

When you visit Highland Leisure, you will be greeted by a staff comprised of family members, Mark & Georgia Hewson and their children, Jeremy, Jamie and Steve and his wife Marie.

The Hewson's have been residents of the area for over 12 years. For many years, Mark has owned and operated M.H. Poleline.

Son Steve explains they decided to open a unique

business like this because they were tired of having to travel to the city to get these kind of items. "It is new and different and never been tried up here before," he explains.

Before opening, the family purchased the building that was once the Carnarvon grocery store. They felt this location would keep them central to a large market including Minden, Haliburton, and even the Muskokas. "We're not that far of a drive and we have actually had many clients from Barrie, and even Lindsay," says Steve.

The Hewson's pride themselves on the level of quality of their products. "We carry Canada Billiard products, tables and accessories," explains Steve. "The construction of the tables doesn't compare to any others. They are really well built, they last, and they come with a fantastic warranty," he explains. Billiard tables in stock range in price from \$2,000 to the unique and elite \$10,000 tables.

If you have an existing table that needs some work, Highland's Leisure also offers service work to all makes and



models. "We are very busy doing that kind of work right now," says Steve.

In addition to the many items in stock, when you visit Highland Leisure, you must really take the time to look through the many catalogs that are disbursed throughout the store.

Due to the size of the items, many things must be ordered in. "We would have to have a huge factory to house all the different items we offer," says Steve. He adds, "we really cater to custom orders. We have access to a lot of bar accessory suppliers. If we do not have it here, we can get it. You just have to look through all the catalogs."

New to Highland's Leisure is the addition of unique TV entertainment stands. One glimpse through the catalog and you will find entertainment stands far different than standard ones offered in many retail stores. "They are excellent quality, and definitely perfect for anyone wanting something different," explains Steve.

The list of what you can purchase through Highland Leisure is endless. "We offer a lot of items that have a rec. room or family room feel to them," states Georgia.

When you visit Highland Leisure, you will also see a variety of great gift items for the sports fan, such as their unique Shadow Boxes. These are 3-d display cases that house authentic looking nostalgic sports displays. "They are great for bars, rec. rooms," says Steve.



This is one example of the unique new entertainment units.

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What's **HOT** on the Shelf?

Consumers ... this is a regular feature of the Communicator. We will be featuring some neat, new, unique or just plain cool products available in our area!

Businesses - Have a neat or new product that we could feature here? Let us know! 448-1847

Flying Rocket that actually takes Ariel Photos - Here is something that is both fun and practical. If you have ever wanted an Ariel picture of your home, here is a different approach to getting it. Available at Halco Radio Shack in Haliburton, this rocket flies up to 500 feet in the air; the nose cone disconnects which triggers a built in camera. The camera takes one Ariel shot, then out pops a parachute which lands the rocket safely to the ground. The built in camera takes a 110 Ariel shot. The rocket sells for \$49.99 and comes with the material for two flights. The rocket can fly



Don VanNood of Halco Radio Shack holds the mini rocket.

numerous times over and over with the purchase of additional recovery wadding and engine igniters, both available at the store.

Retract-a-bit - Exclusive to Home Hardware - Never lose a bit again - 6 bits in one driver - 2 phillips - 2 squaresocket - 2 slot! Choose bit by viewing symbols on thumb buttons - slide bit forward and presto! Do the opposite to retract. "Can't keep them on the shelves," says Minden Home Hardware employee, Don Schlosser. They are available at both the Minden and Haliburton Home Hardware.



Kathy Gartshore holds the Retract-a-bit

Groovy Girls - They are "Hot Hot Hot!" That is the word on the Groovy Girls Collectable dolls according to Connie Rowden, owner of Mamas 'N' Tots in Haliburton. They are a craze that can be compared to Beanie Babies with the appeal of Barbies. The dolls are cute and cuddly and have optional accessories available such as pets, sleeping bags, beds and extra clothing sets (Groovy Gear). A lot of people still don't know about them. They're even hard to find in Toronto. Get your Groovy Girl & Accessories at Mamas 'N' Tots located beside Stedman's Mall on Highland St. in Haliburton with L.J.'s Fashions.



Owner Connie Rowden with Adam Frybort.

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After 8 years, Dan's Now The Boss

NEW BUSINESS OWNER

If you have visited the Butcher Block in Haliburton recently, you'd have been greeted by a familiar face with a new title. Dan Chumbley has worked at the Butcher Block for the past 8 years, but in October of this year, he became the proud owner.

The Butcher Block was originally opened in the spring of 1988 by previous owner, Don Stephenson. After 25 years of operating the business, Don decided to sell. "He is now a full time ambulance attendant in Haliburton," says Dan.

Dan says he is extremely happy about his purchase. "I like that fact that I'm responsible for things that happen here."

Dan is the son of Valerie and Ken Chumbley, all long time residents of the Haliburton area. "My mom was a Sisson. She and her family have lived here a very long time," explains Dan.

Since the age of 13, Dan worked at the general store in West Guilford where he learned most of his butchering skills. "The owner, Bill, taught me a lot of what I know," says Dan.

If you are looking for fresh quality products, the Butcher Block carries a wide variety of items including, sauces and seasonings, fresh meats and cheese, deli meats, and a wide assortment of seafood, including some unusual choices such as shark, marlin and sword fish to mention a few.

The store, located on the main drag of the downtown core of Haliburton, is open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dan chuckles, "We're closed Sundays. That's a family day, and besides, I do need one day off."



Dan Chumbley now owns & operates The Butcher Block in Haliburton

Highland Leisure Remains Competitive With "Big City Prices"

*"a lot of people think they have to go the city,
but they don't. We have it here ..."*

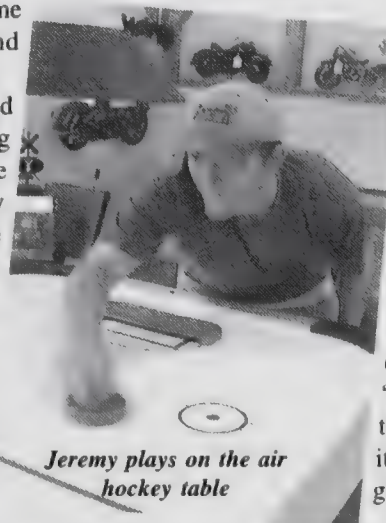
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They currently stock ones that represent old time hockey, baseball, golf, hunting, fishing and sailing.

Highland Leisure is definitely a different and fun store. As for price, the group is remaining very competitive with the big city prices. "One table that was on sale elsewhere by a huge city supplier, was being sold for the exact same price we sell our table for at regular price," exclaims Steve. "A lot of people think they have to go to the city, but they don't. We have it here or at least we can get it here. That's what is nice and different about this store," he adds.

Highland Leisure also specializes in "quality" outdoor furniture, that, while a little pricier than mass produced outdoor furniture, will last longer and is of a higher quality.

"Some people see the prices of our outdoor furniture and think it is expensive, but it is furniture that will last forever. It's not expensive if you know the quality," Steve explains. One line they carry is all weather wicker and aluminum patio furniture by Lloyd Flanders. "It's excellent quality," Steve says,



*Jeremy plays on the air
hockey table*

adding, "Buckingham Palace is furnished with Lloyd Flanders. It is backed by a 12-year warranty. It's the only company that backs its furniture with that kind of warranty."

Another furniture item that they do not stock, but offer is Teak Furniture. "We're really a custom order store. If you look at the books and find something that suits you, we order it. These items are made piece by piece, not mass produced. You will get exactly what you want," Steve explains. "We went with companies that stand behind their products so we won't be worried when it leaves here with the customer. They are getting excellent quality."

To see what else they offer, you best head over to Highland Leisure and see for yourself. Plan to spend a bit of time, there is lots to see.

Highland Leisure is open 7 days a week during the summer months, and during the winter open all days except Monday and Tuesdays which are open "by chance".

HEALTH

Hospital Auxiliary Very Active in Fundraising Ventures

They are 70 volunteers strong and a very active group that helps you in ways you may not realize. We are talking about the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary and if you have ever had or ever get an x-ray at the hospital, you have them to thank. Their fundraising efforts made this purchase and others around the hospital possible.

The auxiliary is comprised of a very active group of volunteers that give of their time to staff the gift shops at the hospital, and also travel with their baked goods and crafts to various shows throughout the area, all in an effort to raise funds for hospital equipment.

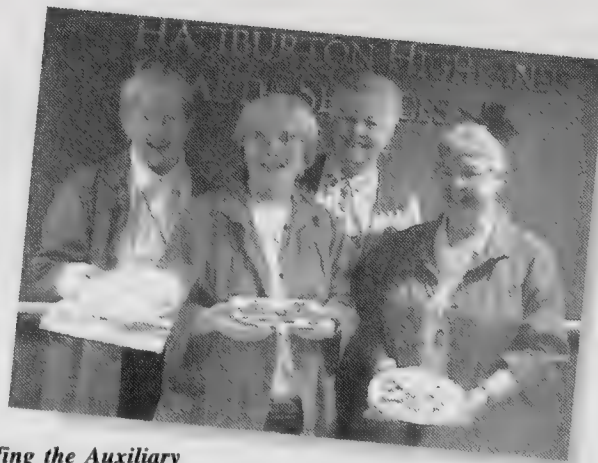
"We knit, we bake and we have a lot of people who make things and donate them to us for our cause," says volunteer, Myra Dydyk. Residents of both Echo Hills Legion Apartments, and Park Lane Apartments have donated hand-made quilts that the women use for raffles, another great source of fundraising for the group. "We receive a lot of donations from local people for the shop at the hospital as well," Myra adds.

When it comes to hospital equipment, especially, for example, the x-ray machine, it takes a lot of cookies and crafts to raise the funds to purchase the much needed equipment. "It took us 10 years to raise enough money for that," says volunteer Julie Graf.

"The price kept going up every year which made our goal farther away from reach. One year the cost was \$100,000. The next year the cost was \$110,000. It kept going up," adds long time volunteer Marion Vanschaik. "Hospital equipment is expensive, but we did it!"

The group also recently raised enough money to pay for ½ the cost of building the gazebo located at the hospital.

Come Christmas time, the volunteers are very active continuing a tradition that started in 1998 and has been doing well since. Every year the volunteers make a new Christmas tree ornament in mass, all by hand. Each year is a different theme, which they produce approximately 1,000 of for sale to anyone lucky enough to buy one. This year's theme was the



Staffing the Auxiliary bake table at the Open House are, (l-r): Joan Stinson, Myra Dydyk, Julie Graf, and Marion Vanschaik.



Auxiliary members at a craft show in Gooderham

angel and they sold quickly. "We sell out every year," says volunteer Doris Laine. "They are a really great fundraiser for us." Since starting the ornaments, they have produced a Santa, a snowman, a Christmas tree, an angel, and for next year, well, "we're not sure yet, but it will be nice," adds Doris.

These people and all the many others that volunteer so much of their time, enjoy what they are doing. "We do it because we love the hospital and our doctors. We have wonderful doctors," says volunteer Eunice Heyes. Once 25 members, the auxiliary is growing every year. "New people move to the area and especially in the last couple years we've had more people volunteer. It's fantastic," says Julie. "We now have 70 volunteers."

When you are out and about the county, and see one or more of these wonderful women wearing their pink smocks behind a craft or bake table, or selling tickets for a raffle, take the time to say hi and buy a thing or two. You will be helping a great cause and getting some neat items as well.

Guides & Pathfinders Perform at Hospital Christmas Open House

Pathfinders and Girl Guides entertained visitors to the Haliburton Hospital Community Christmas Open House held December 5.



Pictured warming up are pathfinders, left to right: Caitie Osborns, Jennifer Briggs, Christie Billings, Amy Nicholls.

Haliburton County Home Support Luncheon Sees Best Turn-Out Ever!



More than a fundraiser, the HCHSS annual Luncheon held Dec. 4 was a social and a chance for people to get to know about the organization's services," says organizer, Donna Macdonald. The event was sold to capacity.

Pictured left, Roxanne Casey serves a plate of

delicious food to Lynn Tashlin and Barb Morrow, both of Haliburton.

Entertainment was provided by the Gentlemen of Song.

This year's event saw the largest crowd yet.



Pictured above, Roxanne and Judy Cumming pass out candy canes to guests, Yvonne Penny of Carnarvon, Cathleen Chentrel of Hal., and Shirley Jenkins -Duff, of Minden.

Service Club Feature

Minden Kinsmen Club Helps People All Over the County

If you want to be part of an organization that likes to do good things for our community, why not consider the Kinsmen's Club of Minden.

Although formed in Minden, the club is open to anyone. "You don't have to live in Minden to be a member," explains Kinsmen President, Tom Prentice. "We help people all over the county of Haliburton."

The Kinsmen Club was first chartered in Minden in 1956. Once 42 members strong, the club has a few less members due to the change in times. "When members get older, they join the K-40 club, which is more of a social club, not a fundraising club," explains Tom. "We need some new members who would like to get involved. All you have to be is interested in doing things for your community."

What kind of things do the Kinsmen Club do you ask? Well, many behind the scenes things such as giving money to the food bank, and the school breakfast program; they help with the toy drive; assist fire victims, contribute to the hospital fund; and help out individuals who are needy. The club also contributes to the Cystic Fibrosis fund.

This is all made possible through fund-raising events the Club holds such as the Ice Races in the winter in Minden, and their annual Truck Pull held at the Show n Shine. "This is a big ticket event," explains Tom. "This year we are even adding a riding lawnmower pull. That should be fun."

These events take manpower and your help is needed Tom explains, but it is not all work being a Kinsmen - there is the social aspect. "We have two informal meetings a month," Tom says.

The meetings begin at Tom's residence where any private matters concerning the help they give to individuals can be dealt with. "Then we go out for dinner," Tom says. "This is more the social part of the meetings."

Tom has been a member of the Kinsmen Club for almost 30 years now. It is something he enjoys doing. "It is nice doing things for your community," he says. The first Kinsmen Club ever was started by a man named Hal Rodgers. "He came back from overseas to Hamilton and wanted to join the Rotary Club that his dad belonged to. His dad, feeling he was too young, suggested he start his own club. So he did," explains Tom. "The Club got big. It wasn't long before clubs were formed clear across Canada," he adds.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, you may contact Tom Prentice at 286-1428.



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'Ya Babys' - A Versatile Band With Many Talents!

If you want to get out and really cut loose and enjoy some excellent live entertainment, be sure to catch any upcoming performance by 'Ya Babys'.

'Ya Babys' is a professional cover band that will have you up on the dance floor by the first song. The band has been delighting audiences of all ages and music tastes since it officially formed 3 years ago. Moreover, using the word talent is an understatement. 'Ya Babys' is not your average band. It is comprised of four members, all exceptional, professional musicians with quite an extensive and impressive background. They all hail from different parts of the province - one from our own backyard.

Mark Christiano is the lead singer and guitar player. He resides in Halls Lake with his wife Claudette and two children, Sage and River. Mark has one of the best voices in Canada and has written

songs with one of Canada's top lyricists, Pye Dubois, who has written all the lyrics for Max Webster and Kim Mitchell. In addition, he wrote Tom Sawyer and Force 10 for the band Rush. Mark has also worked with one of the all time great guitarists, Walter Rossi.

Mark moved to Halls Lake 3 1/2 years ago from Toronto because, "I wanted a change of

lifestyle. I have two children and want to raise them up here," he says. When not performing, Mark owns and operates 'The Hair Lounge' in Carnarvon.

While living in Toronto, Mark met bass player, Gary Lalonde while working at a nightclub. Gary is one of Canada's Elite bass players. He has four double platinum albums and a juno award with the band Honeymoon Suite and one gold album with the band Toronto. Gary said he was looking for a singer to form a new band with and when he saw Mark he knew he would be perfect - not only because he has a voice that you must hear to truly believe, but also, "he had the best hair in the city," Gary says laughing.

Gary lives in Brockville, which is 1/2 way between here and Montreal. He is married and has two daughters. Gary is an accomplished bass player that once you hear, makes you realize it's no wonder the music industry has recognized him through the various awards he has received.

Gary has four double platinum albums and a juno award with the band Honeymoon Suite and one gold album with the band Toronto

**Ya Babys are (l-r):
Bob, Mark, Gary & Rik**



Soon

after these two met, an exceptional drummer named Rik Vatour spotted Mark in a band. After a few get-togethers, it wasn't long before Mark and Gary had a new drummer.

Rik is one of Canada's top touring drummers. He has toured with the likes of Frank Soda and Rif Raf. He has also recently been playing throughout the United States with 'The Resistance' whose CD was produced by Terry Brown of Rush fame.

Rik is one of Canada's Top touring drummers - recently playing throughout the U.S. with "The Resistance"

Rik has a unique style of playing that is topped off by his theatrics while performing. A resident of Toronto, when not playing with drumsticks, Rik likes to play with hockey sticks. "I love hockey and I play a lot in my spare time," he says. Rik also has a son

who enjoys the sport as equally as dad. He also owns and operates a drywall co. called J.R. Drywall Inc.

Last, but not least, is the quieter, but definitely not to be missed, guitar player, Bob Strome. Bob also hails from Toronto where he works at the University of Toronto.

"He's a scientist. We all call him Dr. Evil," jokes fellow band members. When not playing guitar, Bob works in the medical research lab as a molecular biologist. To boot, if all this doesn't take up most of his time, he is a single dad with three daughters. He's also an remarkable guitarist.

Bob, when not playing guitar, is a molecular biologist at the U. of T. ... he works in the medical research lab!

Now that you know a little more about them personally, you must, if you haven't already, hear them live.

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Band Members Are "HUGE" Mike Myers Fans

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Combine these four and you not only have professionalism, but a versatile group whose performance is both riveting and unforgettable. The band demonstrates a playfulness on stage that gravitates their audience. The only difficult part is finding room on the dance floor.

The band is receiving more attention in the area as more and more people see them. They recently delighted staff members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services at their annual Christmas Party in West Guilford. "This is the second year we've had them," says Executive Director Dale Walker. "They are fantastic. We really enjoy them," she adds.

With each member living so far apart, it is a good thing that each musician is so good they don't need to, or never have rehearsed together. "We just know the tunes and play well together," says Mark.

Aside from each being extremely talented, the band members have something else in common. Their admiration for Toronto born actor Mike Myers. "We are all huge Mike Myers fans," says Rik. This also became an important factor when the band chose their catchy name.

"A friend of mine who lives near Rosedale, Al Spence, always says 'ya baby' after everything he says. He got it from the Mike Myers

movie Austin Powers. So, we decided to call ourselves Ya Babys!"

Bob adds, "It really is catchy. By the end of the night, everyone is yelling... 'ya baby'.. It's great!"

The band has been performing quite a bit locally here in the Haliburton Highlands and is becoming increasingly popular to the area. The boys say they don't mind coming up here to their second home one bit.

"Every time we come up here we have a great time. We see old friends and make new ones," says Rik.

Gary agrees, but adds that there is one more reason he keeps coming up and that is, "I come here hoping to meet Mike Myers and go fishing with him ... some day... ya baby... I will fish with him...oh yes I will!"

Mike Myers of course has a cottage in the area, so if you are ever reading this Mike... you have some big fans out there who I think would impress you as much as you impress them.

If you want to see Ya Baby's, one upcoming chance is at the Carnarvon Bowling Hall on New Years Eve. The Party starts at 8 p.m. and in addition to having a great time, you will be helping support the Stanhope Firefighters Association, an organization to which all the proceeds from the evening will be donated. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door)

**Win Tickets
to see
'Ya Babys'
New Years
Eve**

*see pg. 23 for
details*

The communicator will be giving away two free tickets to this show. See page 23 for details.

If you can't make the New Year's Eve dance, the band will be performing on January 19 at Sir Sams Ski Resort from 4 - 9 p.m. This is a free, open event so come on out and see the band.

For future listings of the band's local performances, keep an eye on the Communicator. We will post dates and places of upcoming gigs in future issues. Also if you are looking for a fun, versatile band for any function, feel free to call Mark at his business at 489-3311. 'Ya Babys' are guaranteed to make your event a memorable one.

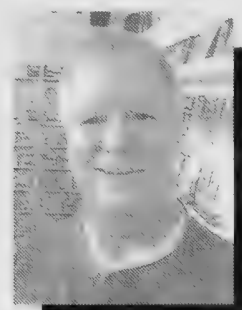
YOU SAID IT!

*We asked people in and around the area what they
like most about Christmas?*



**Ross Rigney
Reeve Of Minden**

"Family gatherings. Seeing the children and grandchildren. It reminds you what Christmas is for."



**Doug Hardy
Haliburton**

"Get togethers with friends and family. And also remembering the birth of Christ"



**Sajo Miscio
West Guilford**

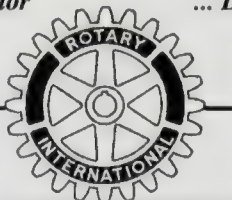
"I really like the decorations and seeing the Christmas lights at night."



**Mike MacInnes
Haliburton**

"I really like to see the look on all of my nieces and nephews faces as they awake to piles of gifts."

Rotary News



Big Prizes Up for Grabs at Annual Snowarama - January 26!

If you've got a snowmobile and want to help a great cause while having a great time, head out to the Annual Snowarama for Easter Seal Kids on Saturday, January 26 at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve.

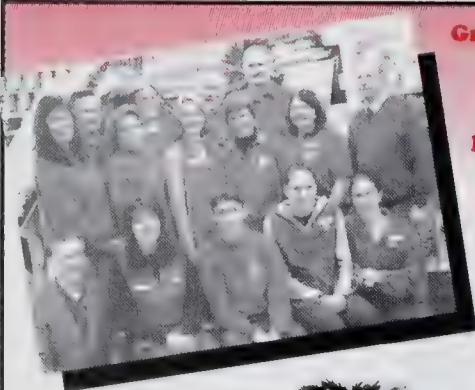
"The more the merrier," says Chairman, Greg Scheffee. "It will certainly be a good day!" he adds.

Participants can raise money through pledges from friends, neighbours, co-workers, etc. to help the kids. The day will consist of a 100-km snowmobile event on the groomed trails of the reserve. Registration is from 8a.m. - 11a.m.

Last year 95 riders raised over \$20,000 in pledges. Participants raising \$75 or more receive a free lunch, free entrance, and a free tank of gas compliments of Sid Stamp Fuels of Minden. There are even more incentives to participate, starting with a safety keychain with key light whistle to CD & DVD players, digital cameras and vacations, depending on the pledges raised.

This huge event is sponsored by the Haliburton Rotary Club. "We've been doing it for over 20 years," says Rotarian Kim Emmerson. It's a great cause, and we enjoy doing it."

The Easter Seal Society helps children, youth and young adults with physical disabilities in many ways. Pledge forms are available at Emmerson Lumber, Haliburton Tim-br Mart, Curry Motors, Sid Stamp Fuels. For more details call Greg Scheffee at 457-2510 or Jim Richards at 457-2322.



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THAT'S LIFE ...

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The story of the bats

Two vampire bats wake up in the middle of the night, thirsty for blood. One says, "Let's fly out of the cave and get some blood."

"We're new here," says the second one. "It's dark out, and we don't know where to look. We'd better wait until the other bats go with us."

The first bat replies, "Who needs them? I can find some blood somewhere." He flies out of the cave. When he returns, he is covered with blood.

The second bat says excitedly, "Where did you get the blood?"

The first bat takes his buddy to the mouth of the cave. Pointing into the night, he asks, "See that black building over there?"

"Yes," the other bat answers.

"Well," says the first bat, "I didn't."

I'll use my seeing eye dog

A blind man with a seeing eye dog at his side walks into a grocery store. The man walks to the middle of the store, picks up the dog by the tail, and starts swinging the dog around in circles over his head.

The store manager, who has seen all this, thinks this is quite strange. So, he decides to find out what's going on. The store manager approaches the blind man swinging the dog and says, "Pardon me. May I help you with something?"

The blind man says, "No thanks. I'm just looking around."

A snail buys a fast new car

There was once a snail who was sick and tired of his reputation for being so slow. He decided to get some fast wheels to make up the difference.

After shopping around a while, he decided that the Datsun 240-Z was the car to get. So the snail goes to the nearest Datsun dealer and says he wants to buy the 240-Z, but he wants it repainted "240-S".

The dealer asks, "Why 'S'?"

The snail replies, "'S' stands for snail. I want everybody who sees me roaring past to know who's driving."

Well, the dealer doesn't want to lose the unique opportunity to sell a car to a snail, so he agrees to have the car repainted for a small fee.

The snail gets his new car and spent the rest of his days roaring happily down the highway at top speed. And whenever anyone would see him zooming by, they'd say "Wow! Look at that S-car go!"

SPORTS

Home Builder's Hockey Tournament Planned For January

Admission by Donation - All Welcome!

The arena in Haliburton is always a bustle of activity, and that won't change on January 25 - 27 as approximately 18 teams comprised mostly of our area builders, will be competing in their 4th annual Home Builders Charity Hockey Tournament in Haliburton.

Last year 16 teams participated and of those 16 teams, more than half were comprised of members from our local Home Builders association.

This year there are two divisions - an open division for any non-members to participate, and the Home Builders division, closed to members only. The cost per team is \$450, and is non-contact hockey.

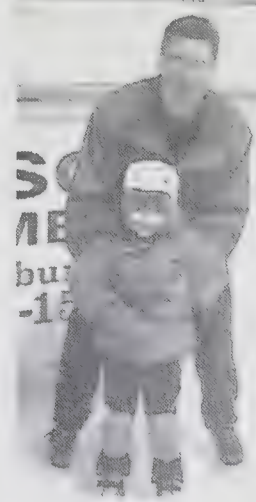
"It has really grown over the past few years," says organizer Aggie Tose. "We started with 6 teams, last year 16, and this year we already have 18 teams lined up."

The organizers are still seeking sponsors for ice time. "You can sponsor half an hour right up to two hours," explains, Aggie. The cost to sponsor is \$92 per hour.

Proceeds from this worthwhile cause go to the Haliburton County Food Bank. Aggie explains that they chose this charity because, "after Christmas, there isn't much food left in the food bank. We, the homebuilders association, like to be

PUBLIC SKATING IN MINDEN & HALIBURTON

Chris Harrison of Stanhope is pictured with his daughter Kendall at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton enjoying public skating. Chris says it is the first time out for his daughter this year and she is "loving every minute of it!" Public skating is offered in Haliburton every Thursday 12 - 2 p.m., and in Minden every Sunday from 3 - 5 p.m.



"It's fun hockey to watch"

involved in the community and we felt this was a very worthwhile cause." Last year the association raised \$1,200 from this event.

Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the hockey excitement. "It's fun hockey. We want people in there watching," says Aggie. Admission to watch is by donation.

The games get underway at approximately 6 p.m. on the Friday. Finals are held on the Sunday in the afternoon.



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Come See The Dog Sled Races

Race offers many different view points for spectators to watch the excitement!

It's exciting action and it's coming to Head Lake Park in downtown Haliburton. It's the Dogsled Derby featuring two great days of racing.

The fun gets underway January 12 at 8:30 a.m.. This year's race features both open and purebred classes, and the races will be 3 & 4 dog, 4 mile, and 6 dog, 6 mile races.

The total purse for the race will be \$10,000, making it the richest sprint race in Ontario.



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This is definitely an exciting family event that you won't want to miss. The trail starts and finishes on two different trails on Head Lake, and then go onto the snowmobile trail that winds through

Glebe Park, and then out behind the dump to join into the Old West

Guilford Road. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has kindly pledged their support and is closing that trail during the races. The trail is ideal as people will be able to easily watch the teams starting and finishing for about 1 km each way on the lake. They will also be able to go out to 2 different viewing areas (1 in Glebe Park and 1 behind the Dysart Landfill site) to see the teams on the trail. It is in the works that 1 or 2 buses will be operating to shuttle people to and from these different viewing areas.

"Support for these up-coming races have been phenomenal," says organizer Tanya McCready. "We've had great support starting with the Reeve Murray Fearey and the Dysart Council, to the Municipalities Recreation Committee." In addition, she explains, there has been the vast majority of local

businesses who have also shown tremendous support. Special recognition goes to the many platinum sponsors – those who have donated \$1,000 plus, towards this huge event. Those businesses are Delta Pinestone, Emmerson Lumber, Minden Subaru, Royal Canin (dog food manufacturer), Municipality of Dysart, Haliburton County Development Corporation and Winterdance.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The organizers will be requiring several volunteers for the Friday – Monday. Anyone interested can call Tanya at 457-5281 or Terry Maher of the Recreation Committee at 457-9604.

Bowlers Wanted For Various New Leagues



Carnarvon

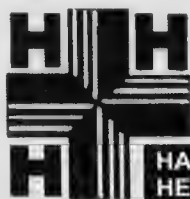
Although some bowling leagues are well underway, there are still a lot of openings if anyone is interested in joining in the fun this season.

Organizer, Ken Thompson is hoping to form an afternoon kid's league for Saturdays. He is also forming a new Wednesday night men's league and Friday night mixed league. "I need to hear from people who would be interested in these leagues," says Ken.

Bowlers are also needed for the established Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening leagues.

If you are interested or require more information on any of these options, you may contact Ken Thompson at the Carnarvon Bowl at 489-4216.

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Time To Start Thinking Cross-Country Skiing

It has to snow soon - Why Not Give It A Try!

Well, it's a little later than usual, but it is time to begin thinking about snow and skiing. With that in mind, why not come out this year and join in the fun of cross country skiing. Haliburton Highlands is fortunate to have a wonderfully active cross-country ski club, approximately 240 members strong.

Volunteers formed the club in 1976. It began by developing 5km of ski trails in Glebe Park in Haliburton. "Members of the club got together with some picks, shovels and pry bars and built trails so that the local population could have someplace to ski," says club president Blake Paton.

Now 10 years later, the project has proved to be so successful that out-of-towners were coming in droves to enjoy their weekends skiing in the area. At that time, a new organization was formed to focus on maintaining the trail system: the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association (HHNTA). This group is the partnership between skiers and the lodging community that maintains the trail system. The ski club still exists as a separate organization, but can now concentrate its energy on developing the sport of skiing by running programs for youth, organizing races, and providing a friendly atmosphere for all skiers.

Jackrabbit program Offered for Children Aged 4 - 12

As usual, the club is proud to offer one of the best Jackrabbit programs in the province. The Jackrabbit Ski League is a skill development program with badge levels for children aged 4 - 12. Each child is registered with Cross-Country Canada. The Saturday classes start with warm-up exercises followed by nordic skills and games, depending on the ability and age of the child. At 2:45, everyone heads to the clubhouse for hot chocolate. "There's no better way to learn the fundamentals of skiing," says Blake.

Youth Ski Team

The club also supports a youth ski team aimed at youngsters in the 12 to 15 year-old range. Last year the members of this squad distinguished themselves with strong finishes at the

provincial level. "You can't help but get the feeling that coach Marcel Crete will soon have an athlete who goes on to the national team," exclaims Blake.

Seniors Ski Group

The seniors mid-week ski group will again be meeting as a group to enjoy all the trail system has to offer.

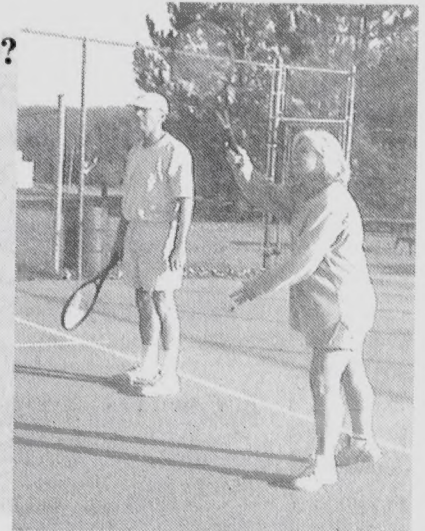
The cost to join the club is \$140 for family, and \$75 for individual. If you cannot afford the membership fee, don't worry. The club will arrange for volunteer work for anyone who wishes to-ski but cannot afford the price of a membership. "With the sudden economic changes this fall, some may be feeling that skiing is an extravagance. It is not," says Blake, adding, "sport and healthy recreation should be available to all, and the ski club has an on-going commitment to making sure that everyone can ski."

For more information about the club, or to become a member, you may contact membership committee member Pat Cummings at 754-9569.

Tennis Anyone?

No this picture was not taken in the summer - it was actually taken just a couple weeks ago in Minden during the warm spell we have encountered.

Enjoying the unusual weather are players, Lucy and Stan Brock of Gull Lake.



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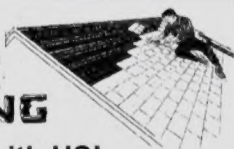
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"I guess it kind of runs in the family," says Glen.

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Glen Jackson (front) with his son Jeff

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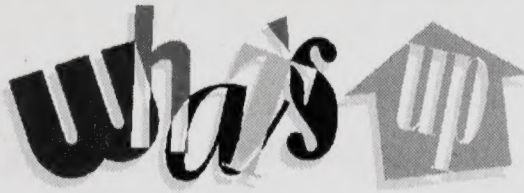
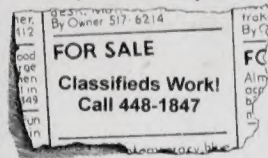
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DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Dances at the Legions: The Haliburton dance this year will feature music by Mr. Gary Cameron. The cost is \$25 per couple or \$15 for single. In Minden, the dance this year will feature music by DJ, Madeline Pierre. The fun gets underway at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person.

JANUARY - every Tuesday

Cross Country Adult Recreational Ski Tours. Tours are conducted every Tuesday. Please call the Brogdens at 754 2351 for more information.

JANUARY 6

Big buck euchre at the Minden Legion. Lunch at noon - games start at 1 p.m. \$10 per person, includes lunch.

JANUARY 12 & 13

Ice Races start this weekend (weather permitting) and then every weekend following is a new race. At the fairgrounds in Minden. Races start Saturdays at 9 a.m. and Sundays at noon. Admission is free!

JANUARY 12-13

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. A full weekend event at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Teams will race from approximately 9am - 4 pm.! Activities for children including free dogsled rides.

Who Dun-it

... from page 4

Answer:

Detective Minden knows that the railway tycoon was an only child & a bachelor so he could not have a niece. The girl claiming to be his niece is obviously a fraud.

JANUARY 20

Razzamataz Kids' Shows - 'Sing For Your Supper', presented by 'The Smudge Fundaes' at 2:00 p.m. Series tickets are \$18.00 per person (includes all 4 Razzamataz 2001/2002 season shows). Tickets can be purchased in advance at Masters' Book Store or by calling Julie at 457-3414.

JANUARY 25-27

4th Annual Haliburton Homebuilders Charity Hockey Tournament. Admission by donation. (see story pg. 19)

JANUARY 26

Robbie Burns Dinner at both the Minden & Haliburton Legions.

JANUARY 26

Easter Seals Snowarama. - (see story pg 18)

FEBRUARY 2-3

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